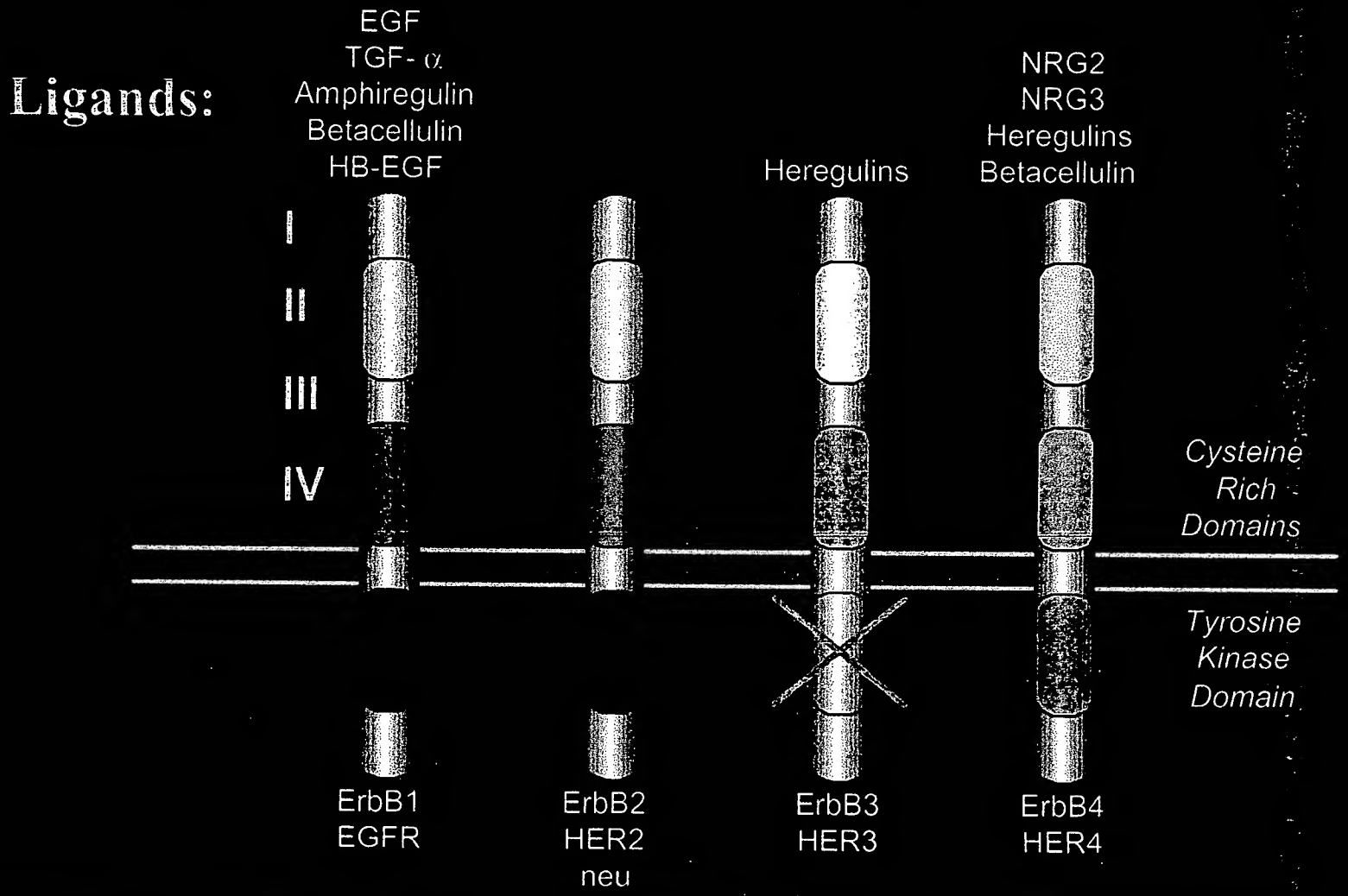
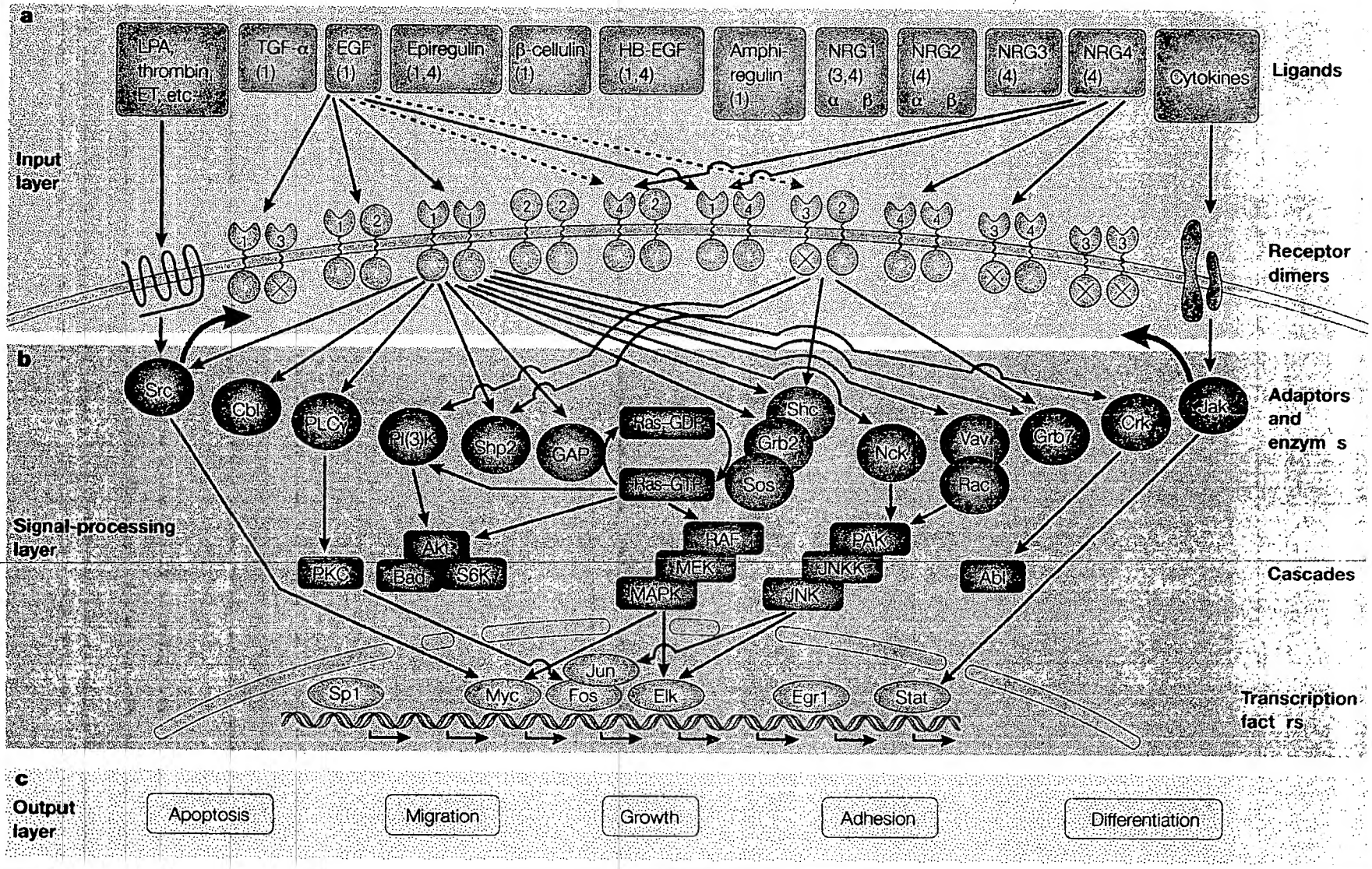
Evolution of the HER/ErbB Receptor System

Worms:	1 Ligand and 1 Receptor
Flies:	4 Ligands and 1 Receptor
Mammals:	12 Ligands and 4 Receptors

The HERs
A Dysfunctional Family of Receptors





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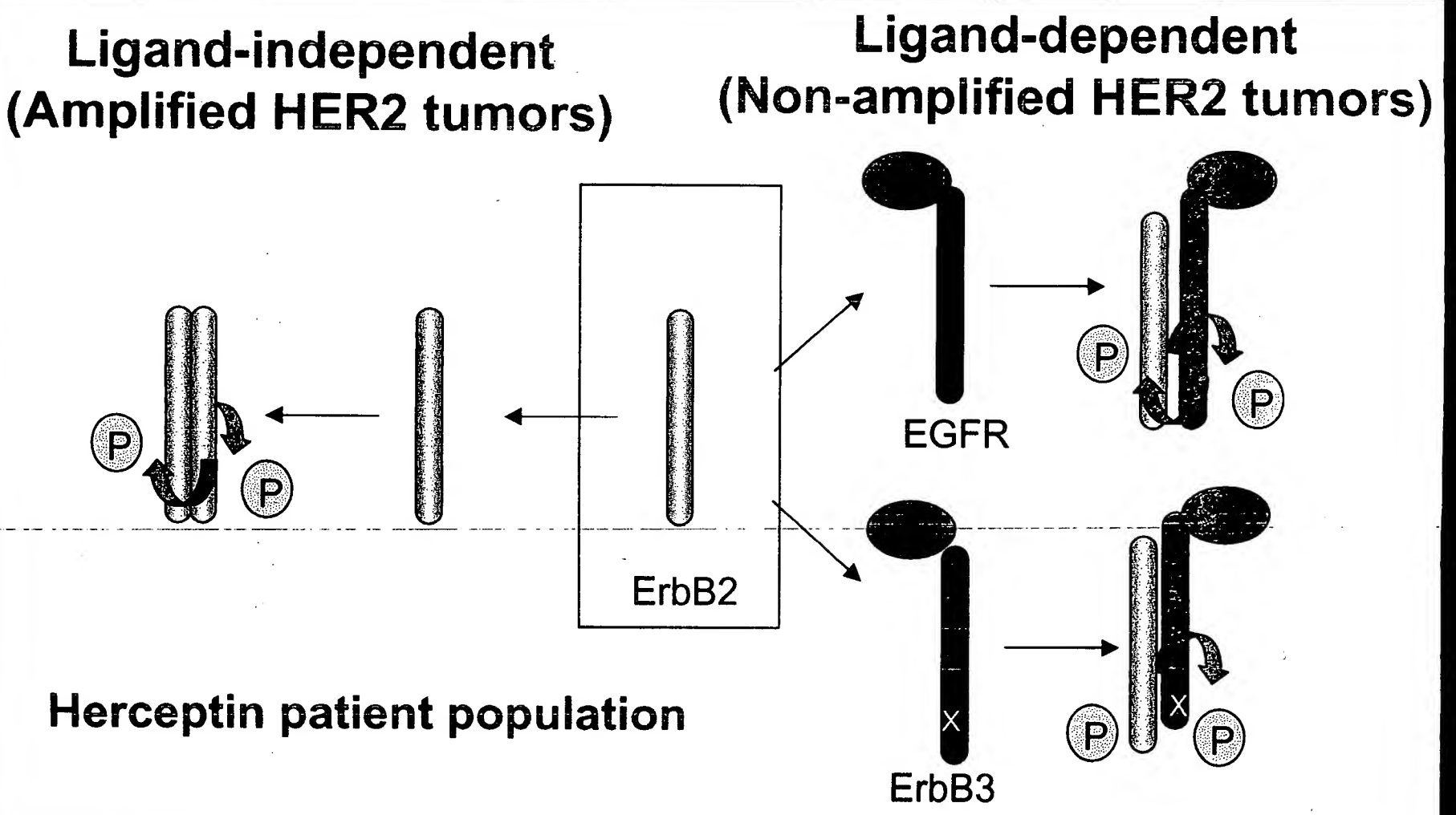
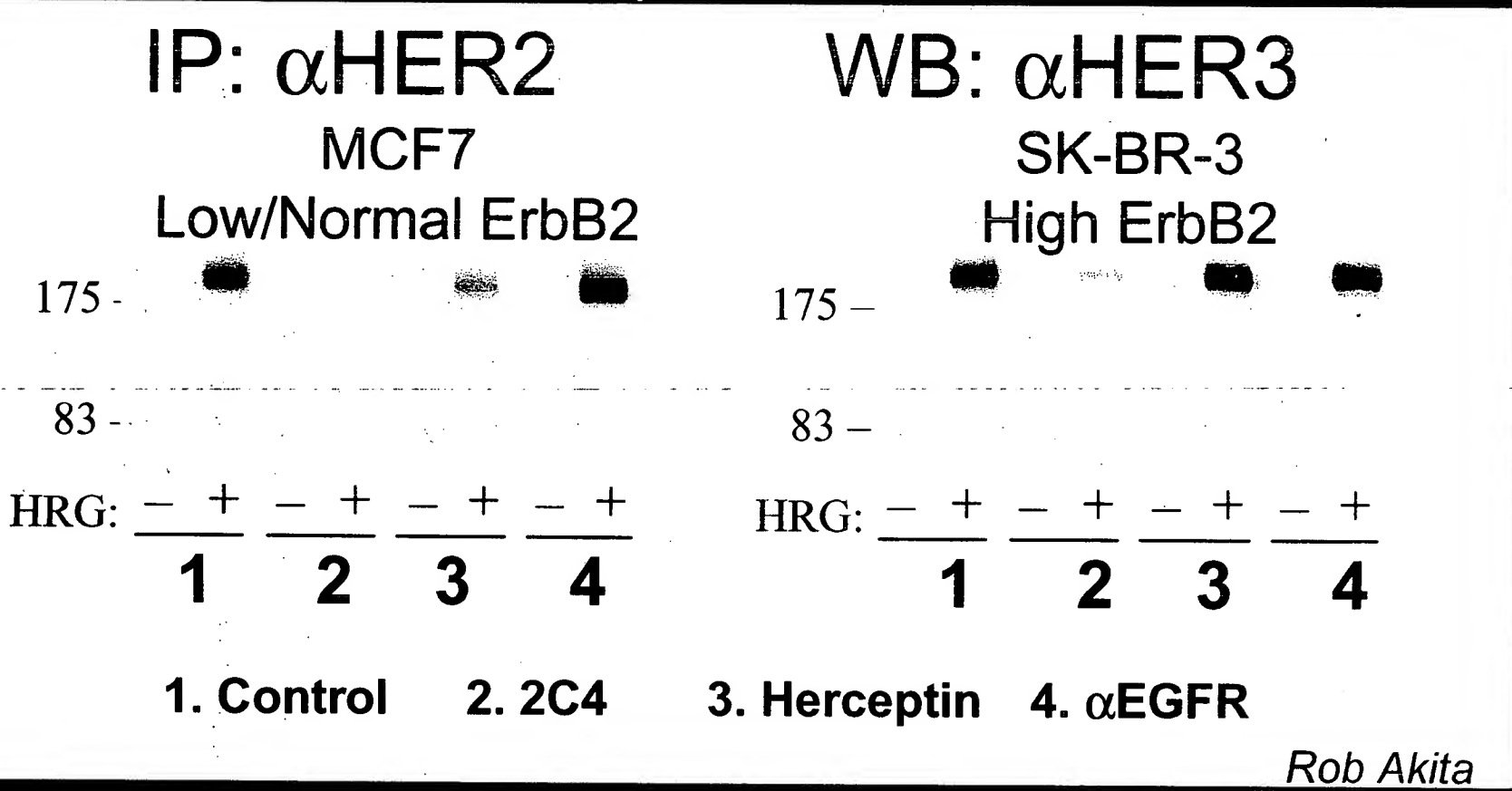
HER2 Activation in Cancer



HER2 Associates with HER3 in a Heregulin-Dependent Manner

- 2C4 blocks ligand-dependent HER2-HER3 association, Herceptin does not.



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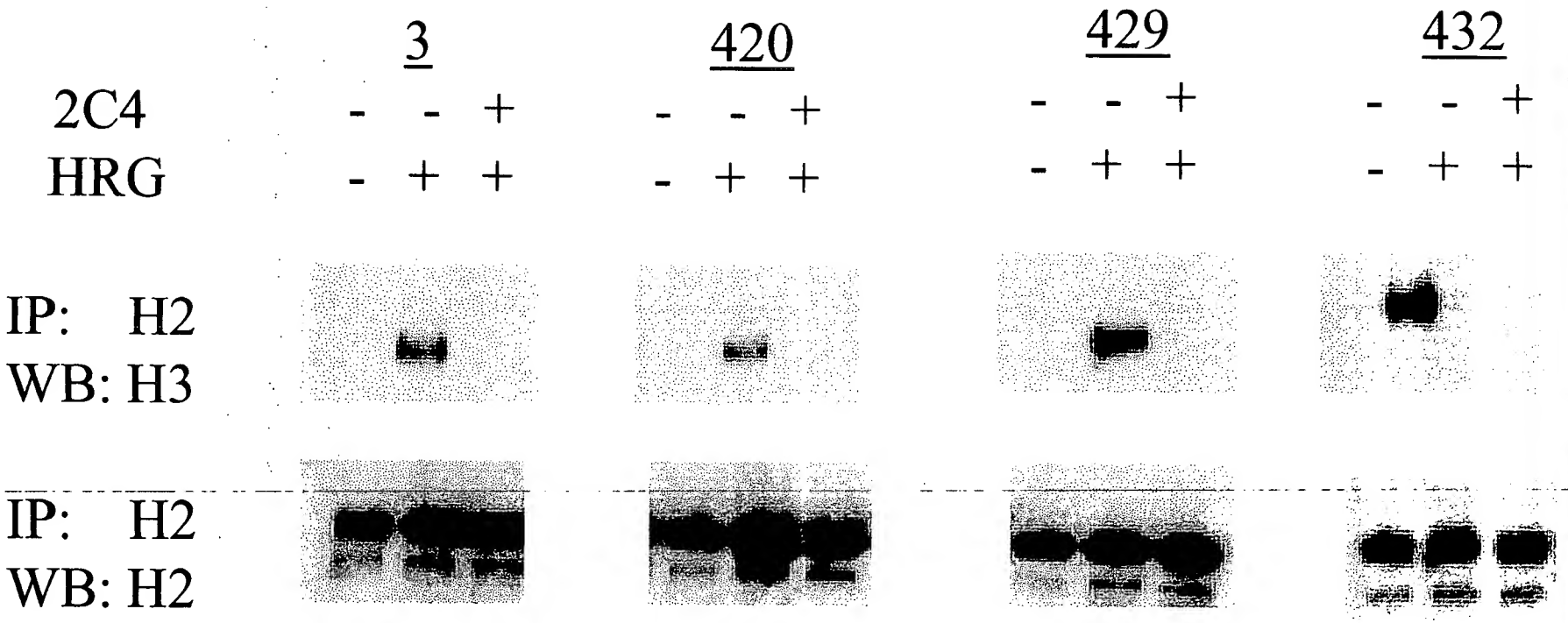
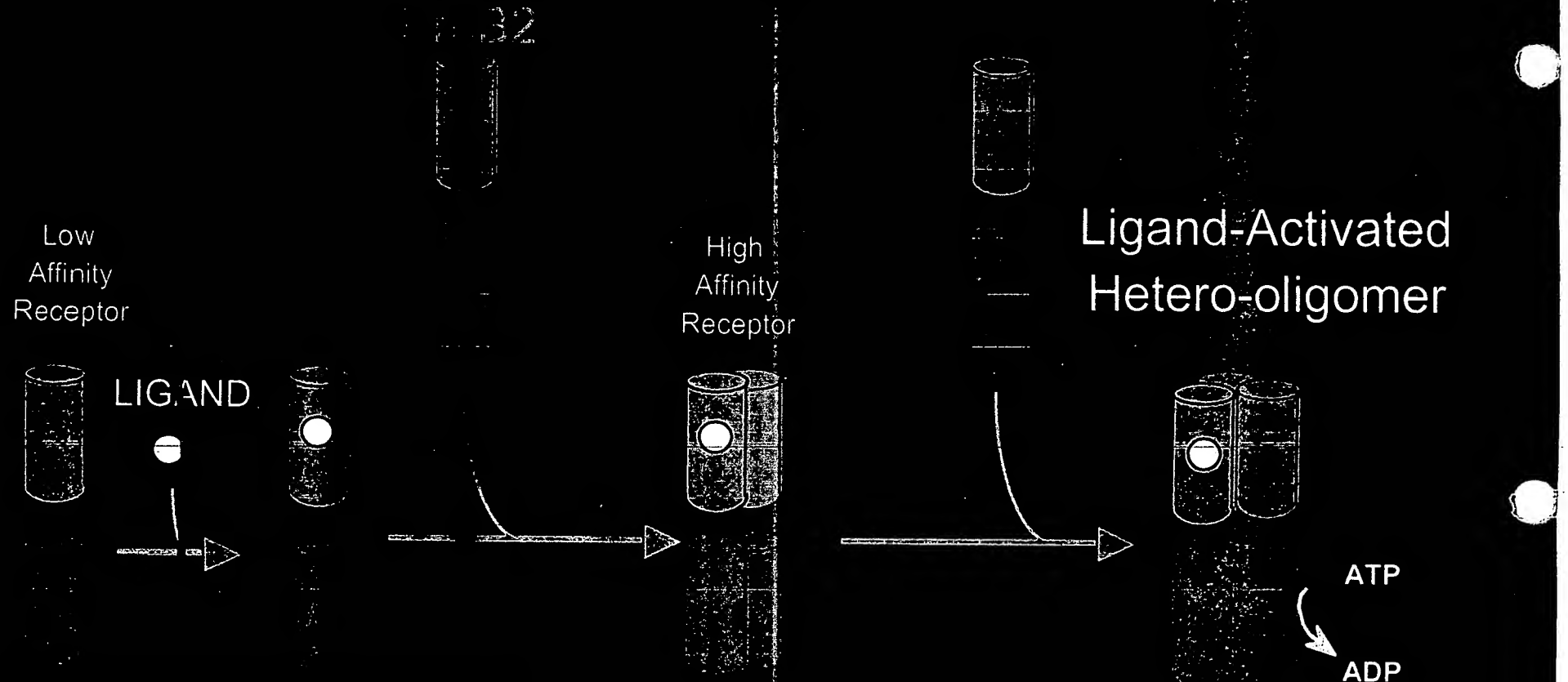
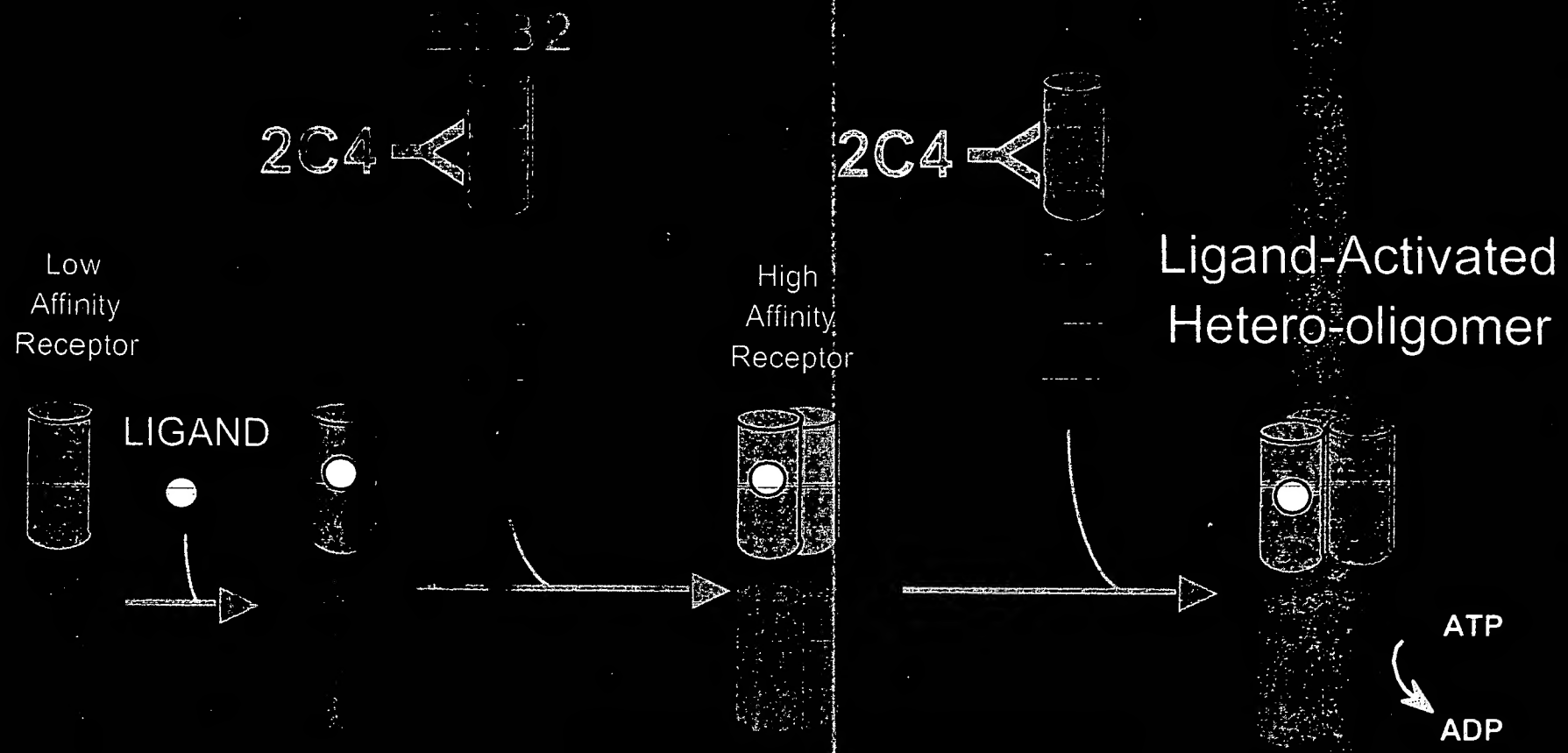
Ovarian Tumor Cell Lines



ErbB2 is recruited to ErbB3-HRG Complexes



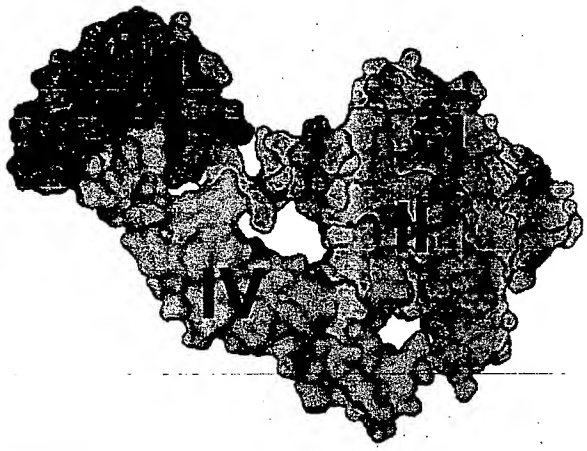
2C4 Disrupts Ligand-Dependent ErbB2 Signaling



ErbBX

EGFR

Closed



EGFR-EGF Complex

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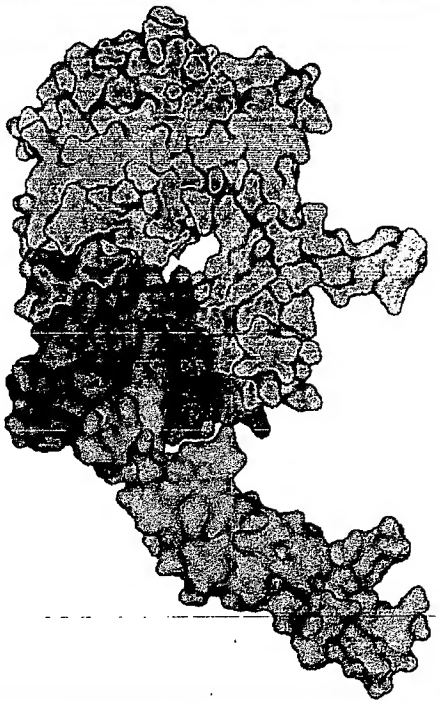

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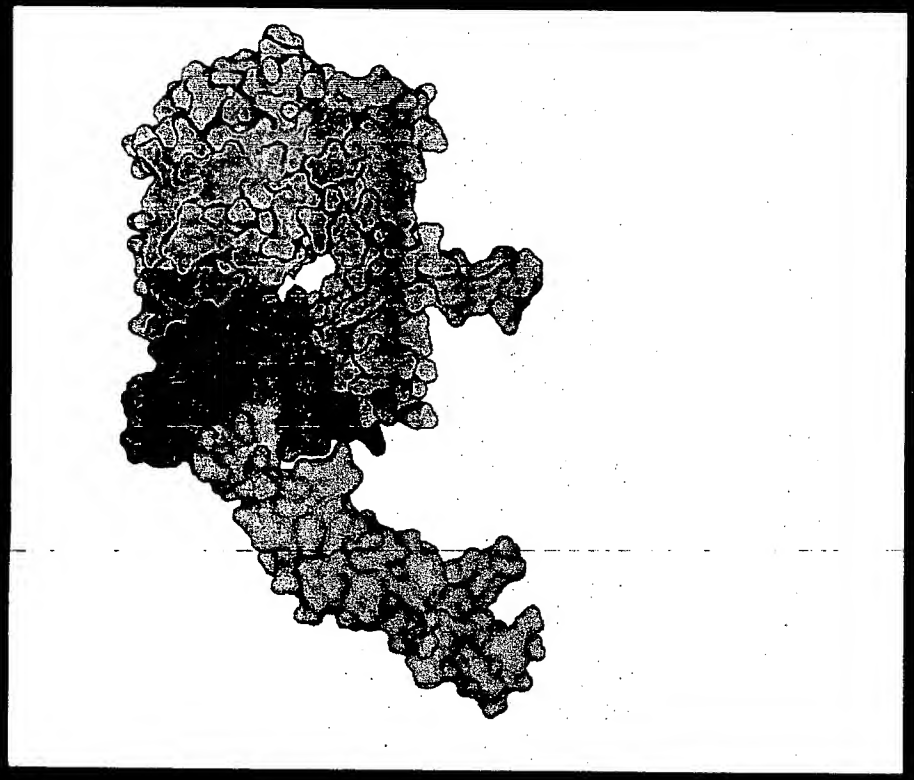
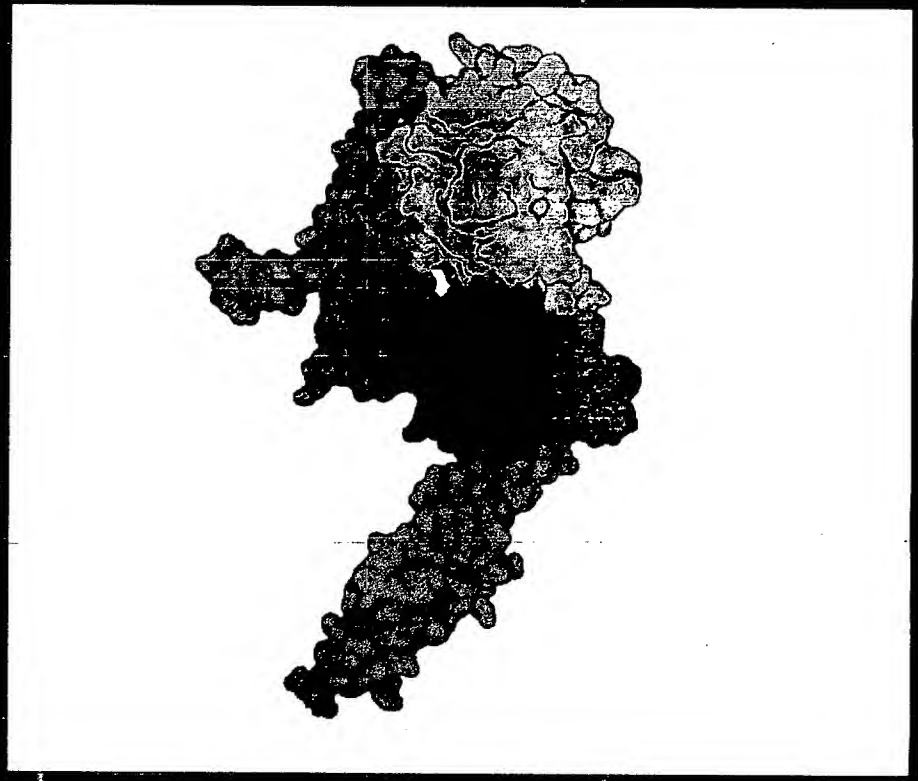


HER2



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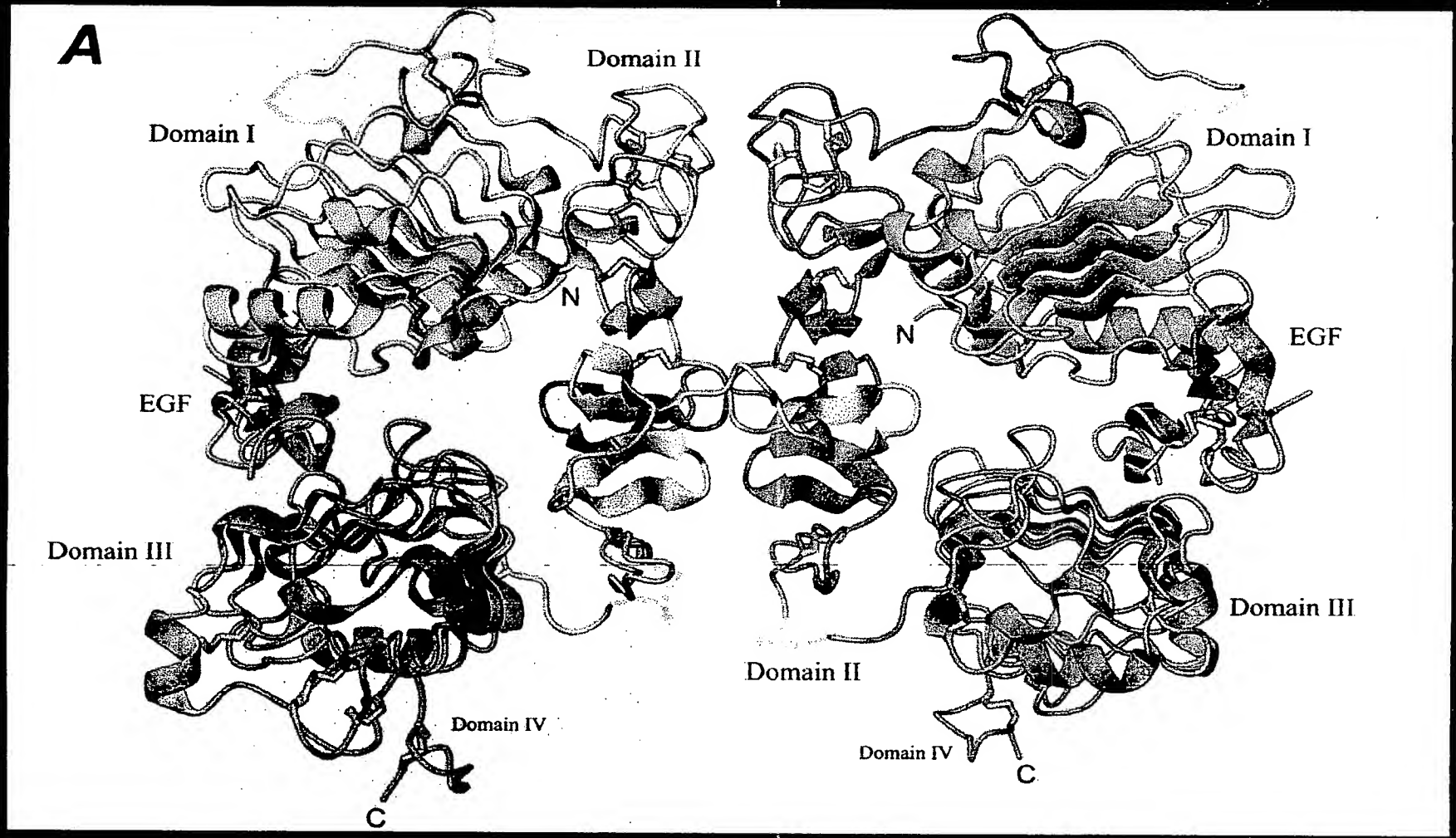
Receptor dimerization via a domain II handshake



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Comparison of HER2-EGFR to EGFR-EGFR Complexes

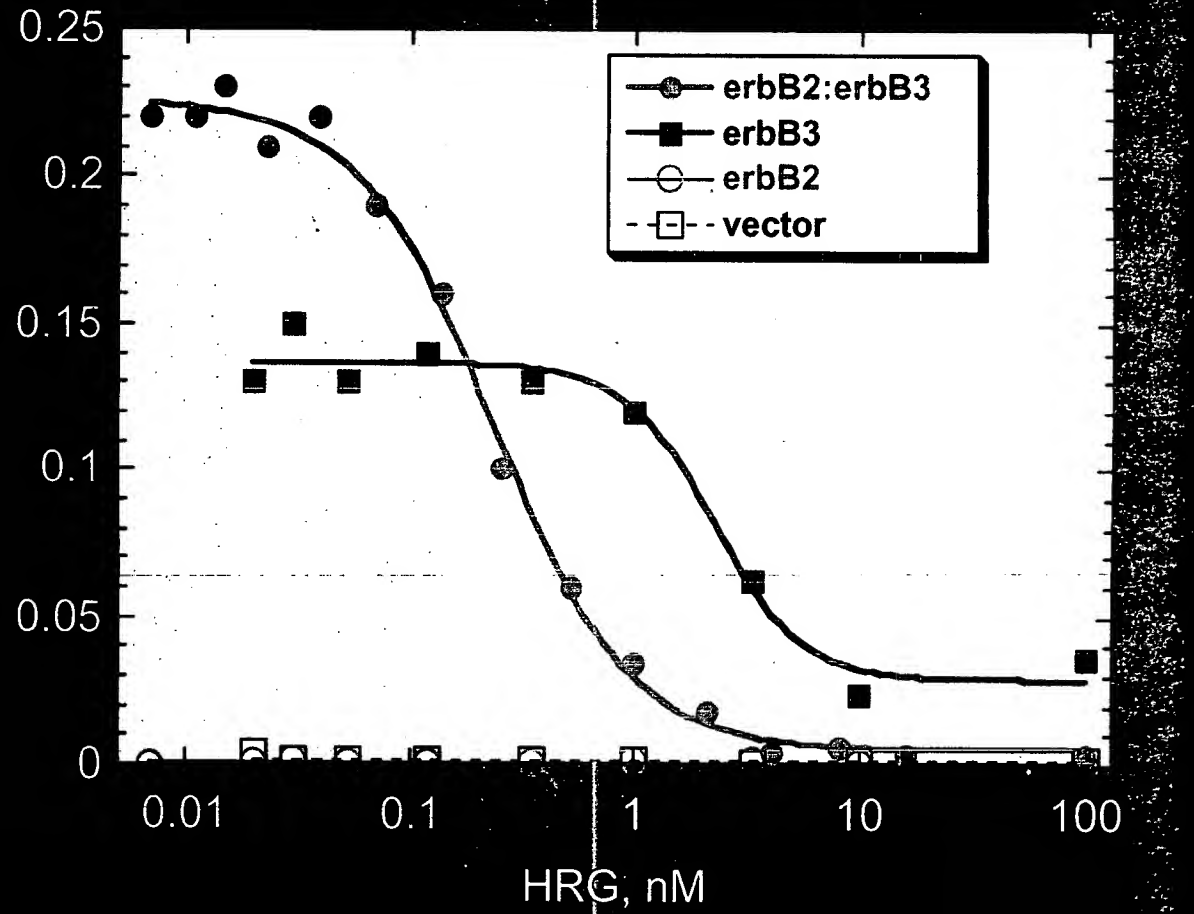
Characteristics of heterocomplexes :

- Higher affinity
- Decreased internalization rates
- Altered trafficking
- Diverse downstream signaling

HER2-HER3 Complex: A Paradigm for Efficient Molecular Collaboration

- Symbiotic relationship
  - Ligand-less HER2 and defective-kinase HER3.
- Most potent HER signaling complex.
- Efficiently activates both MAPK and PI3K signaling pathways.
  - HER2's active kinase
  - HER3 serves as a kinase substrate for HER2.
    - Multiple potential tyrosine phosphorylation sites.
    - Especially for PI3-kinase.
- Most active complex with regard to transformation potential.

Heregulin Binding to Cos Cell Transfectants



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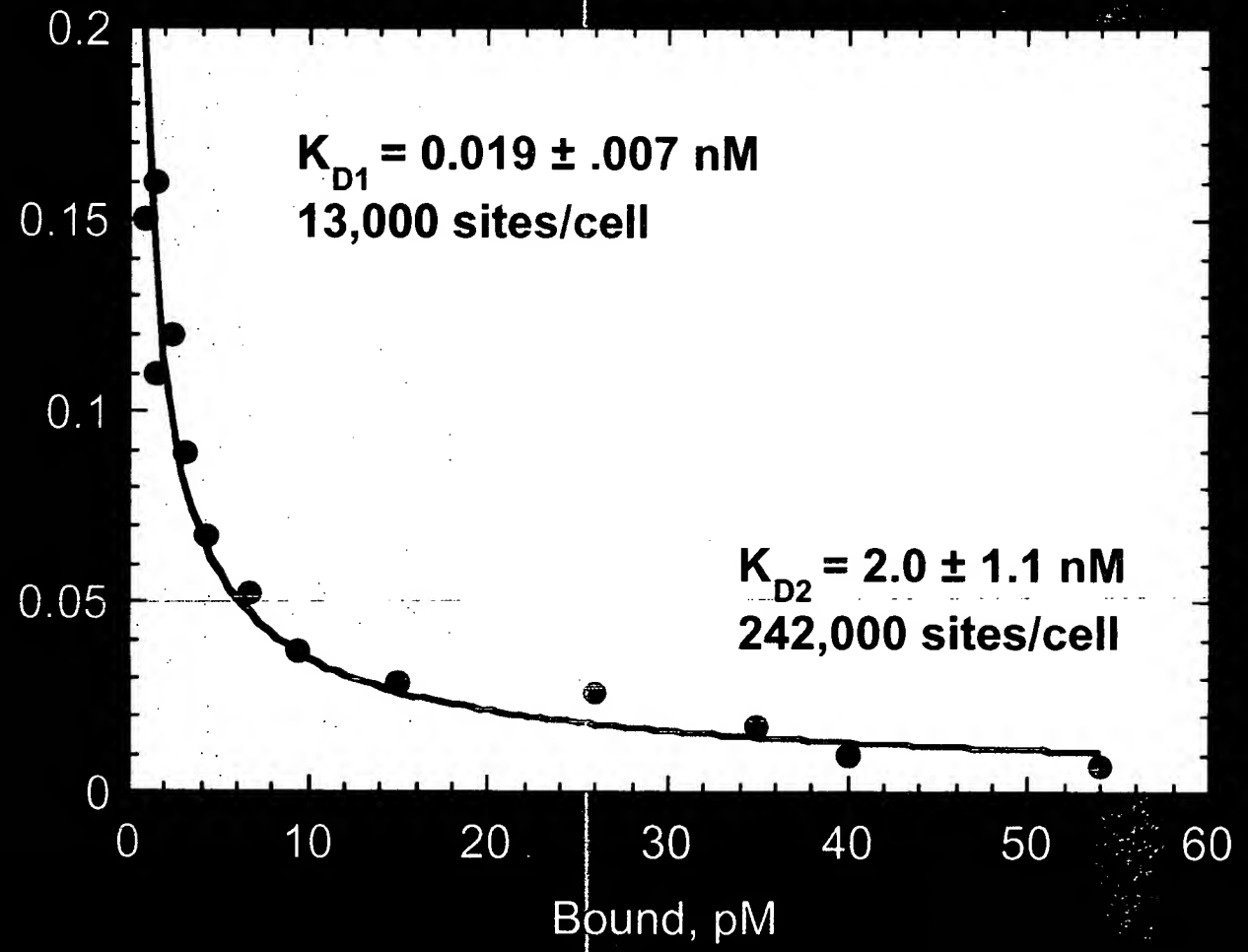
Scatchard Analysis of Heregulin Binding to Cells Transfected with HER3 and HER2



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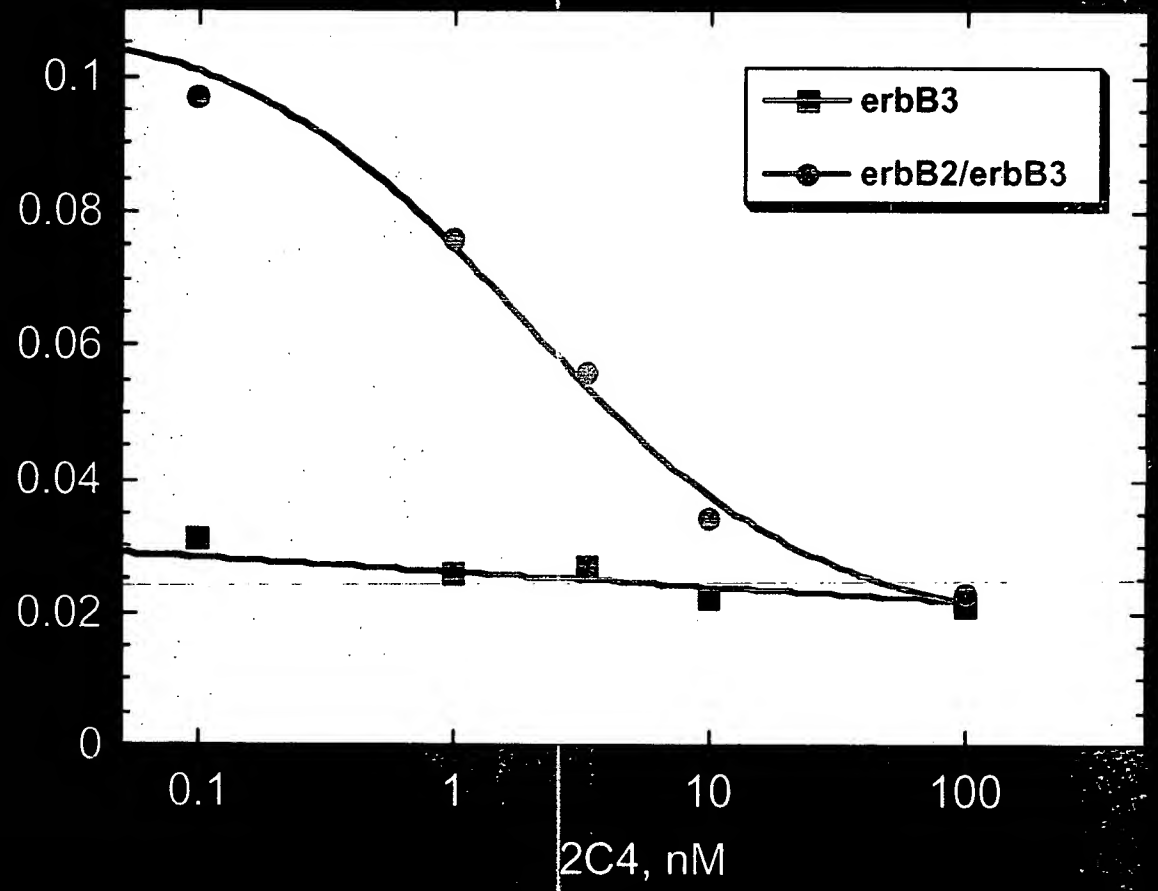
Inhibition of Heregulin Binding by 2C4 a Monoclonal Antibody to ErbB2



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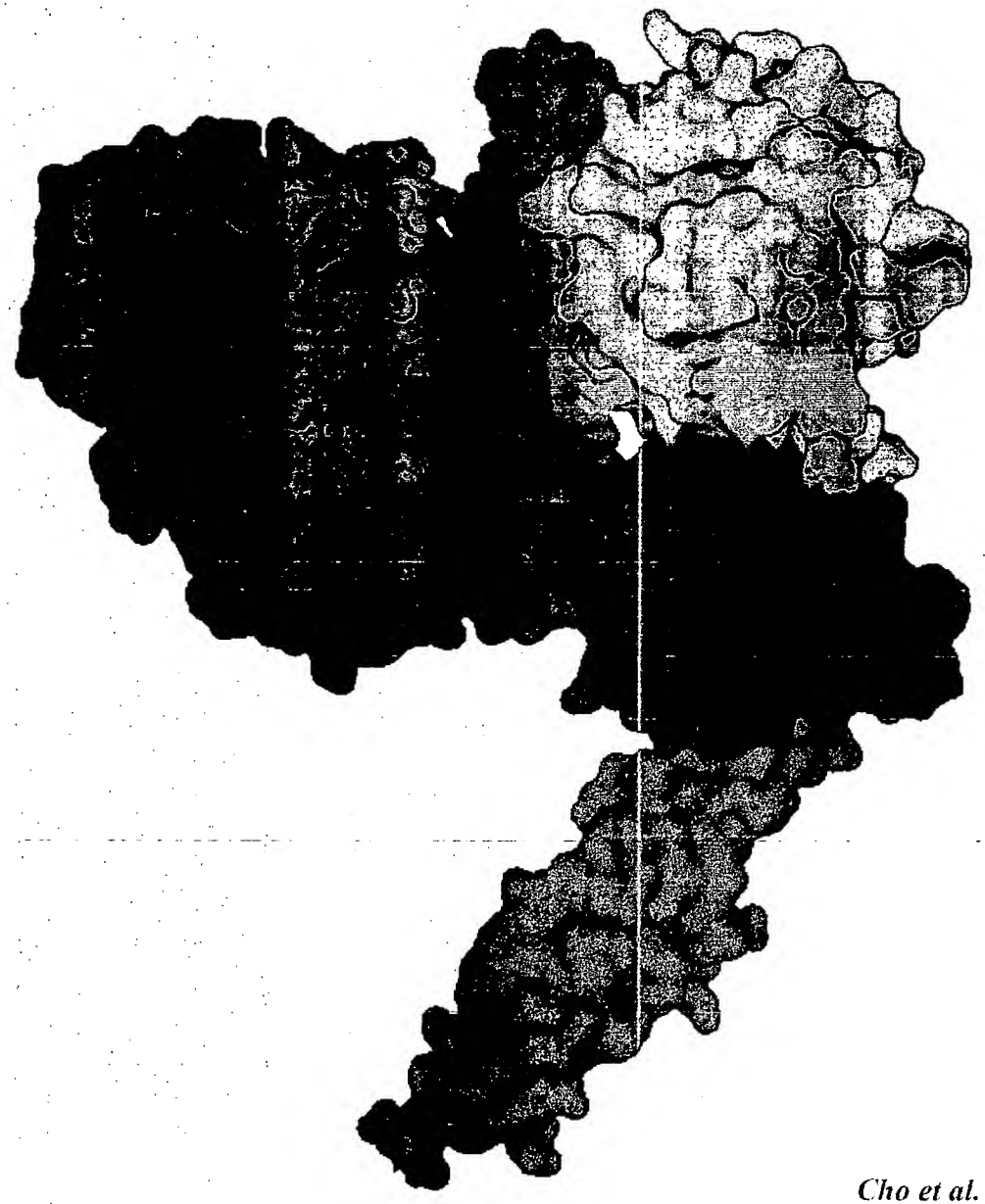

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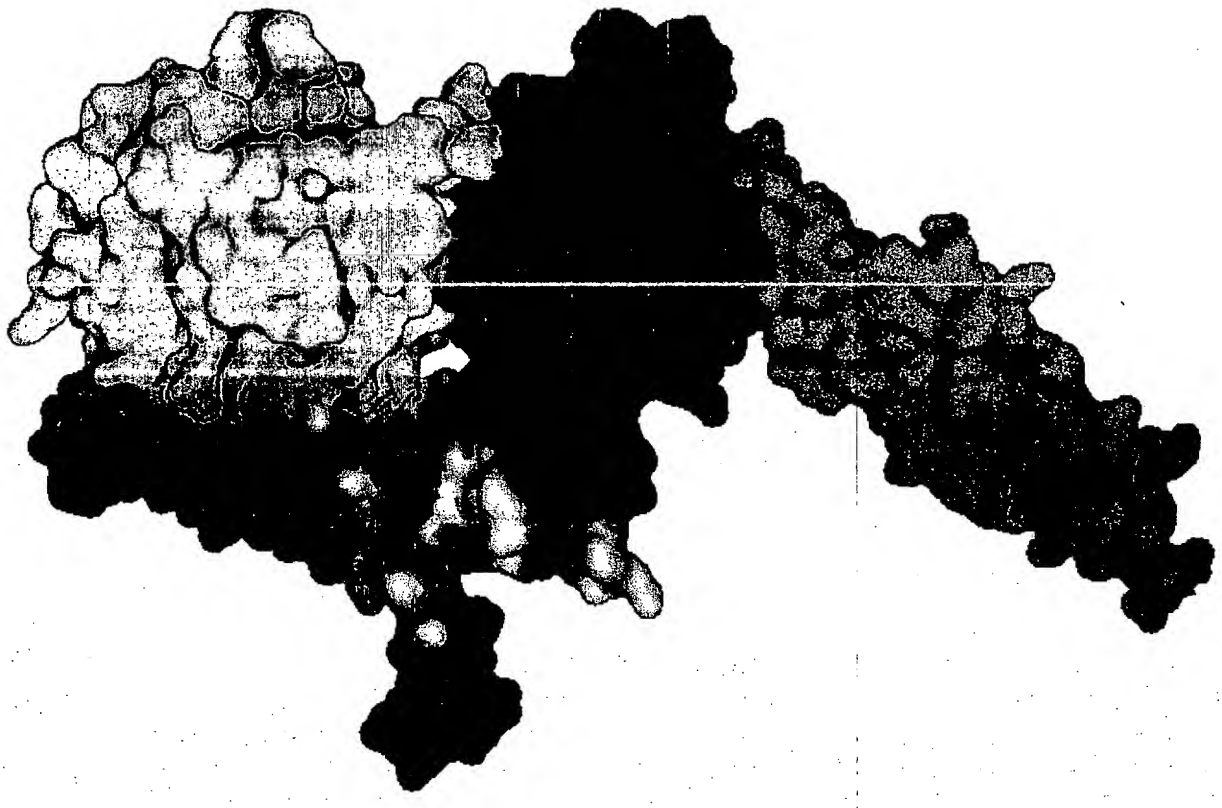
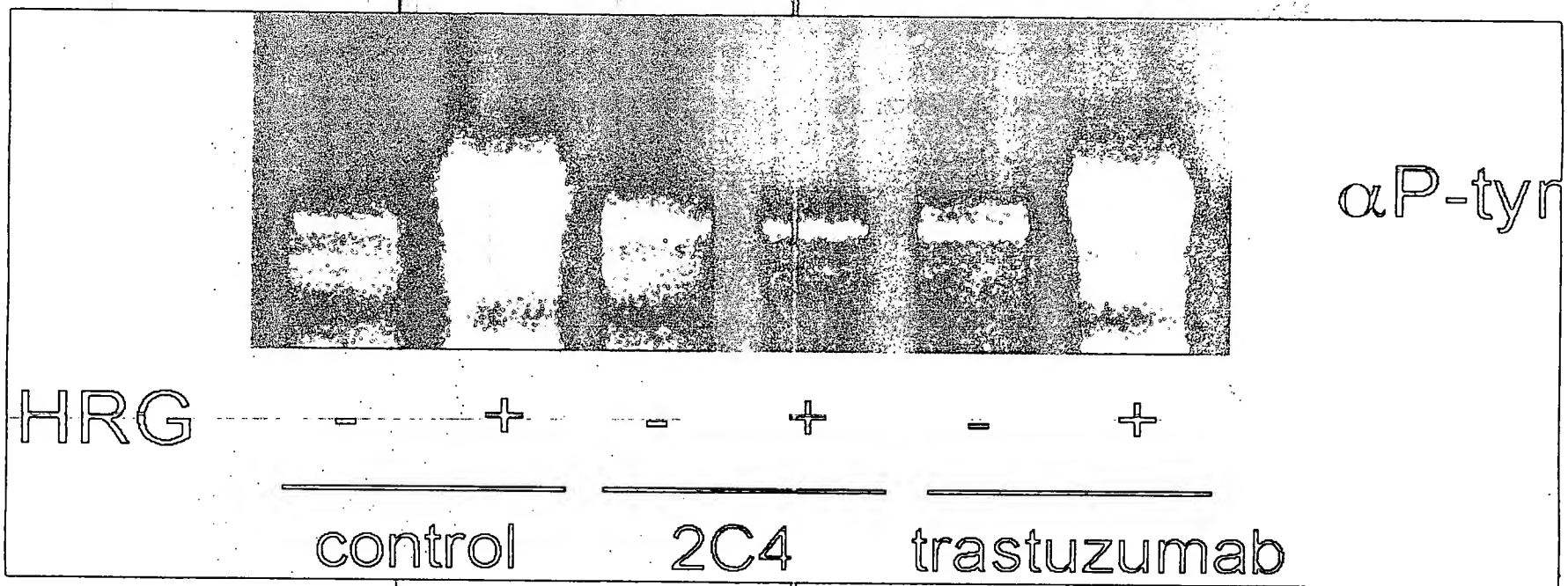


2C4 Inhibits Heregulin-Dependent HER3-HER2 Signaling



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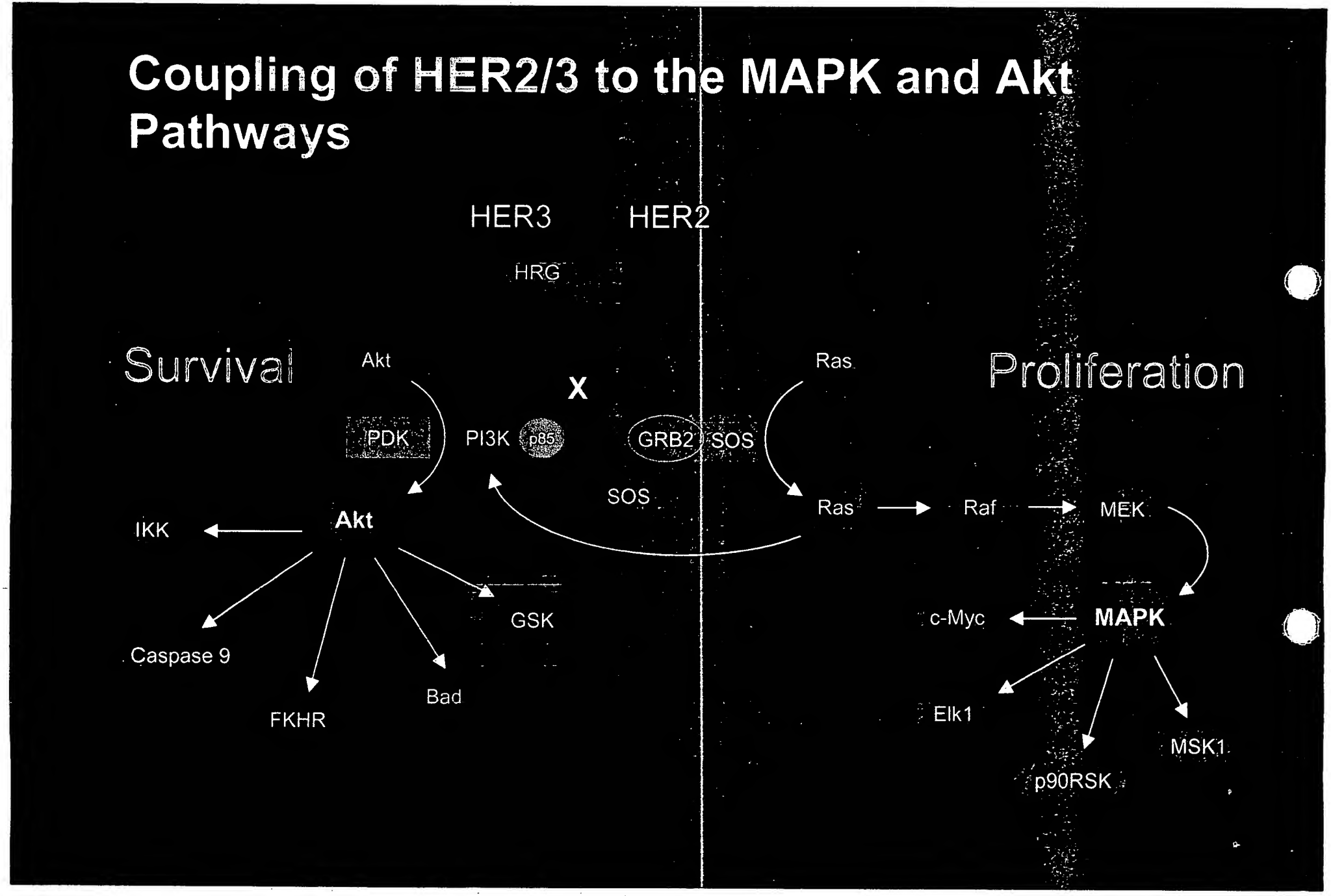
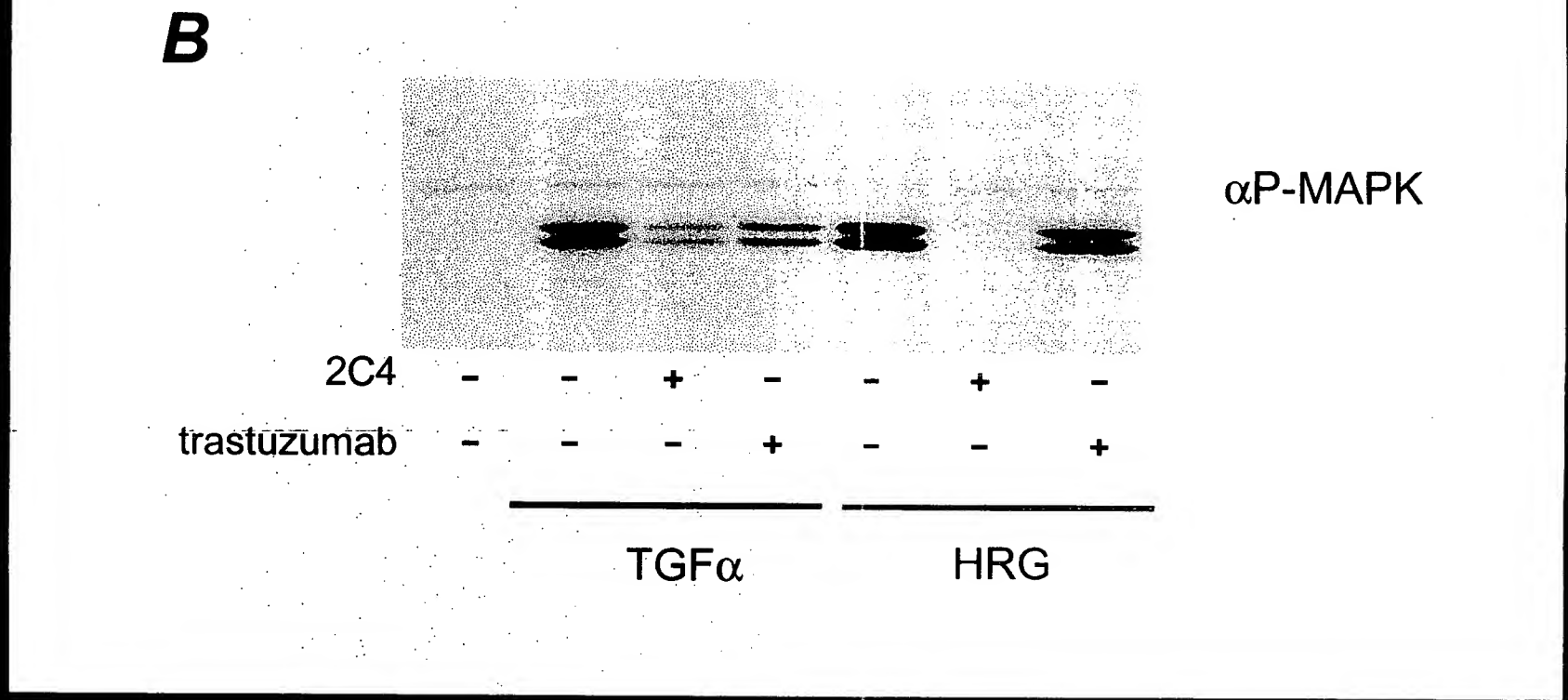
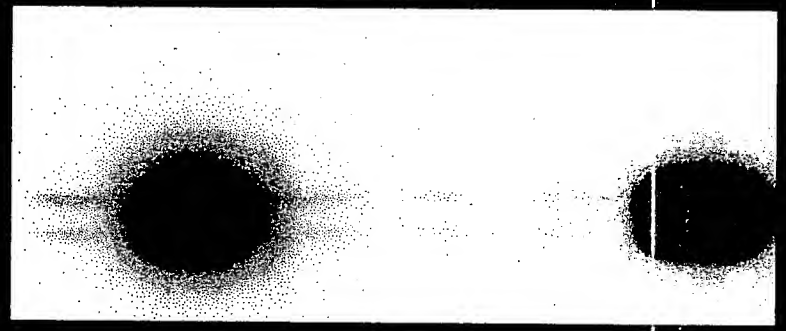
Coupling of HER2/3 to the MAPK and Akt Pathways



2C4 Inhibits Ligand-Dependent HER2 Signaling (MAPK)



2C4 Inhibits Heregulin-Dependent Akt Activation



GSK3 α/β →

HRG	-	+	-	+	-	+
2C4	-	-	+	+	-	-
Herceptin	-	-	-	-	+	+

ErbB3

1035 pY5
1178 pY5
1180 grb7
1203/05 pY5
1241 pY5
1243 grb7
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1270 pY5
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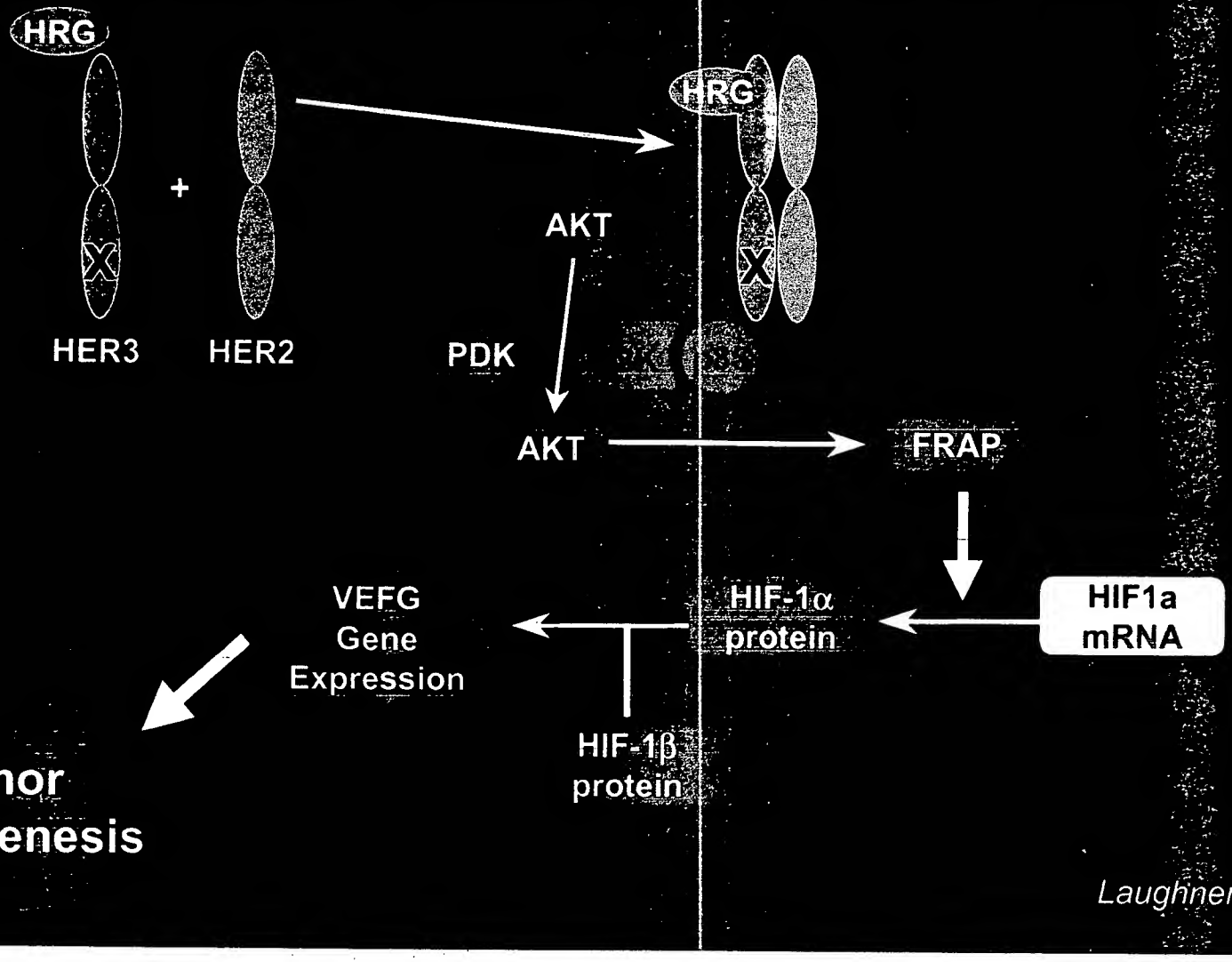
HER2/HER3 receptor activation increases the rate of hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF-1α) synthesis



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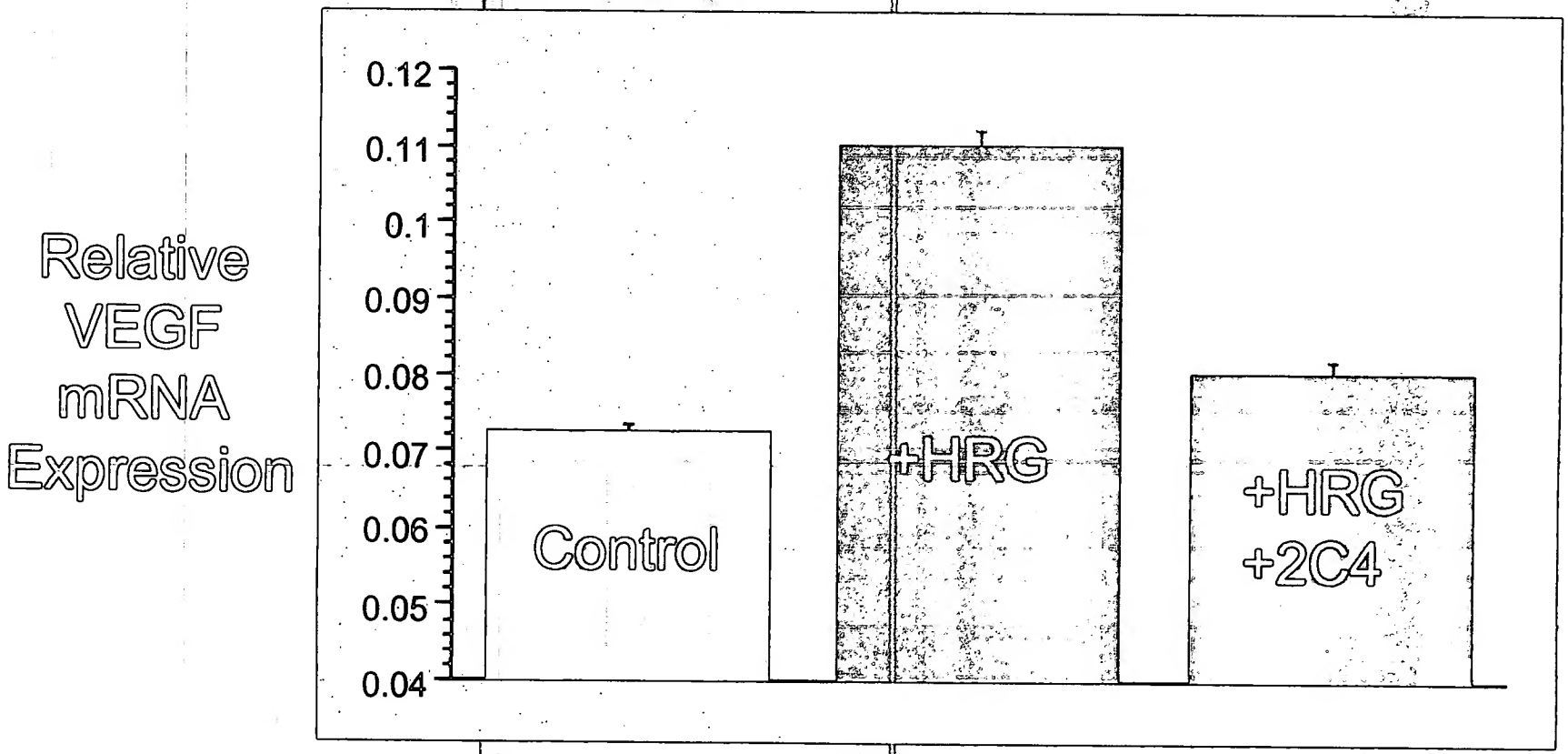
2C4 Blocks Heregulin-Induced Expression of VEGF



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Prostate Cancer and HER2

- Clinical studies:

  HER2 gene amplification or protein overexpression is rare.

  HER ligand expression (e.g., TGF-α) frequently occurs with the onset of the androgen-independent phenotype.

Prostate Cancer and HER2

- Laboratory studies:

  Onset of the androgen-independent phenotype corresponds with HER2 overexpression. (Sawyers).

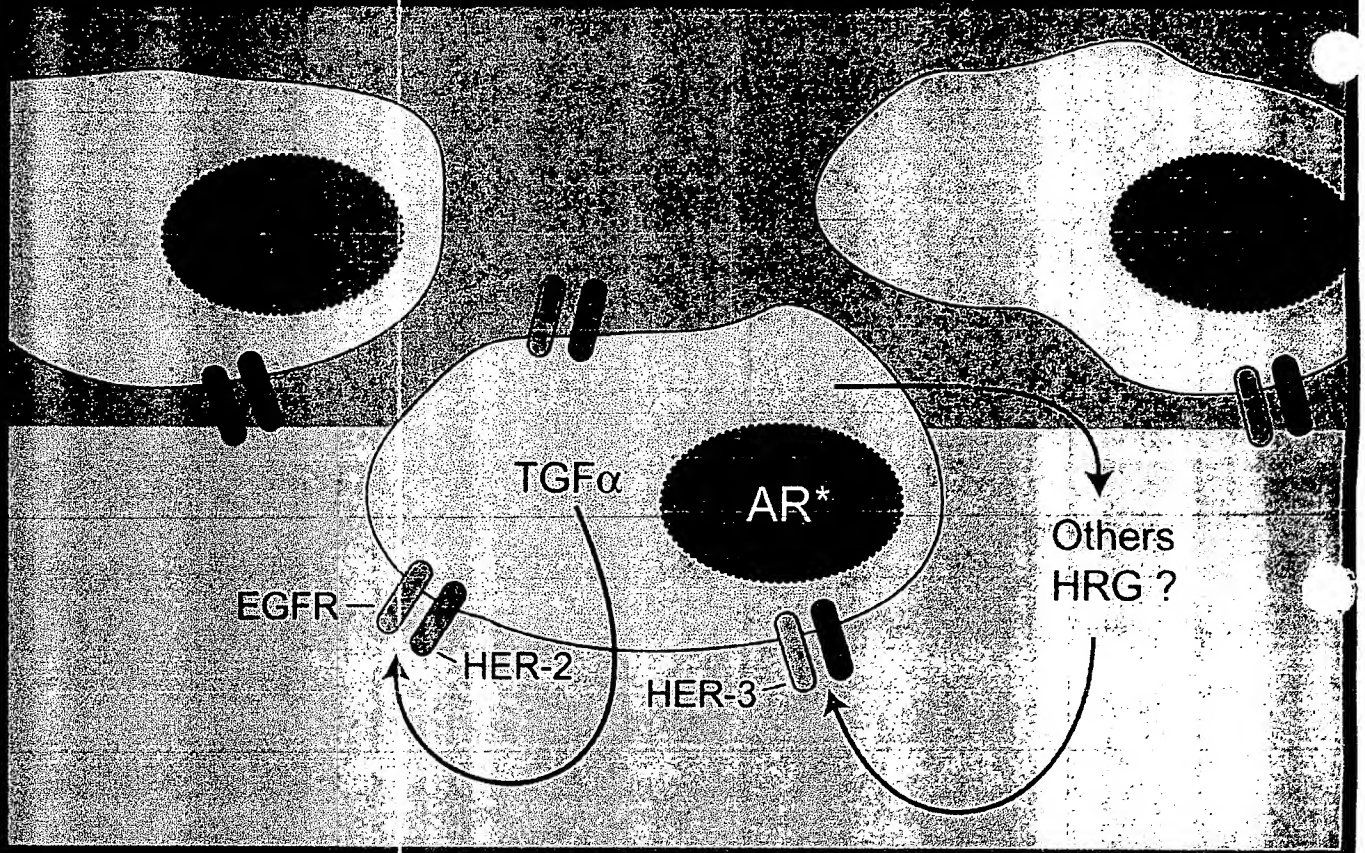
  Evidence for cross-talk between HER2 and androgen receptor signal transduction pathways (Chung).

Androgen–Independent Prostate Cancer

Autocrine activation of HER-kinase axis

Dysregualtion of AR; *unresponsive* to androgen ablation

Increased expression of HER2?



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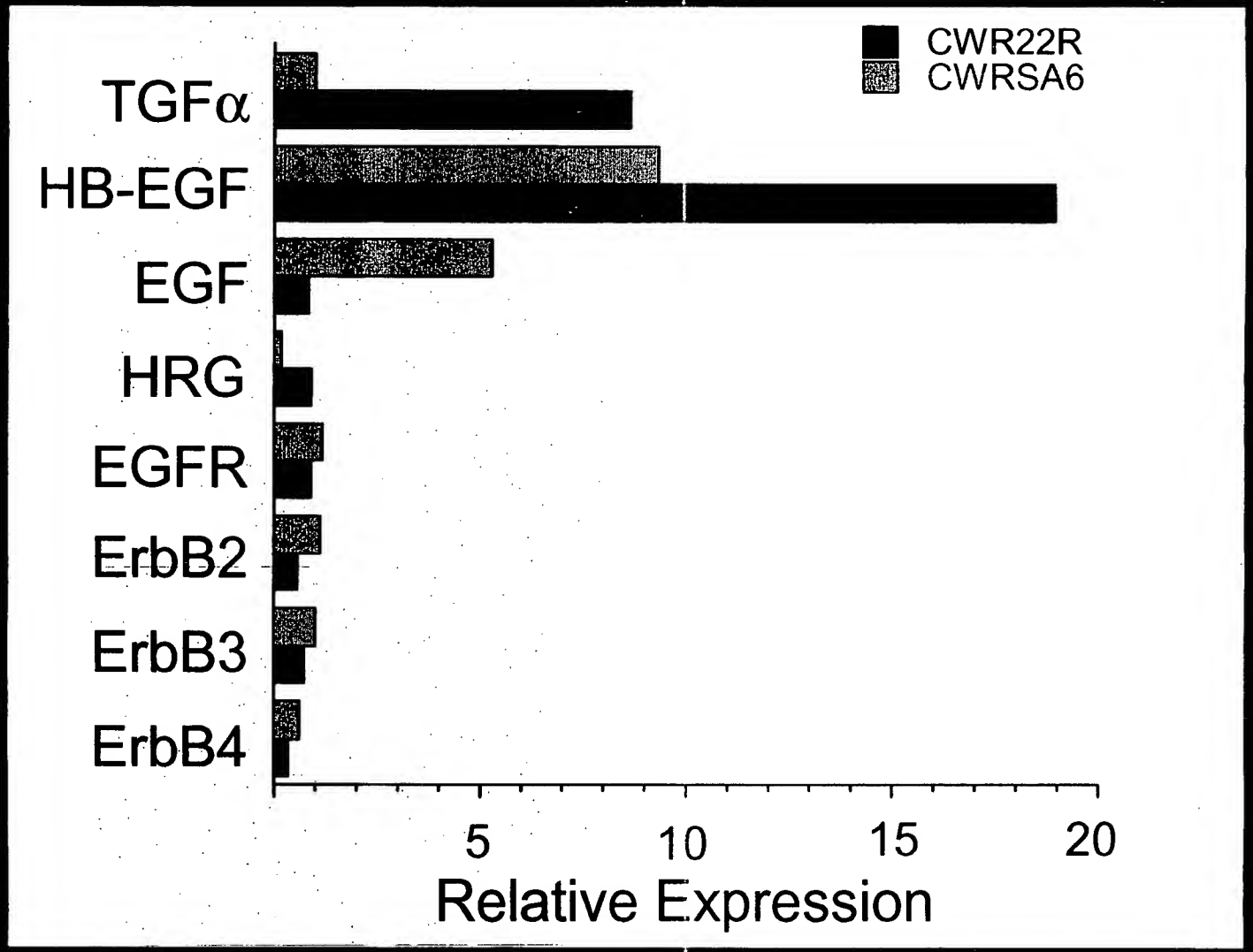
CWR Prostate Cancer Models

- Derived from a primary prostate cancer patient by Thomas Pretlow, Case Western Reserve.
  - Xenograft maintained by serial transplantation in nude mice.
  - Growth is androgen-dependent (CWR22).
  - Good correlation between tumor growth and serum PSA levels.
- Tumors regress after androgen withdraw.
  - Relapsed tumors are androgen-independent (CWR22R & CWRSA6).

Relative Expression of ErbB Receptors and Ligands in CWR Tumors



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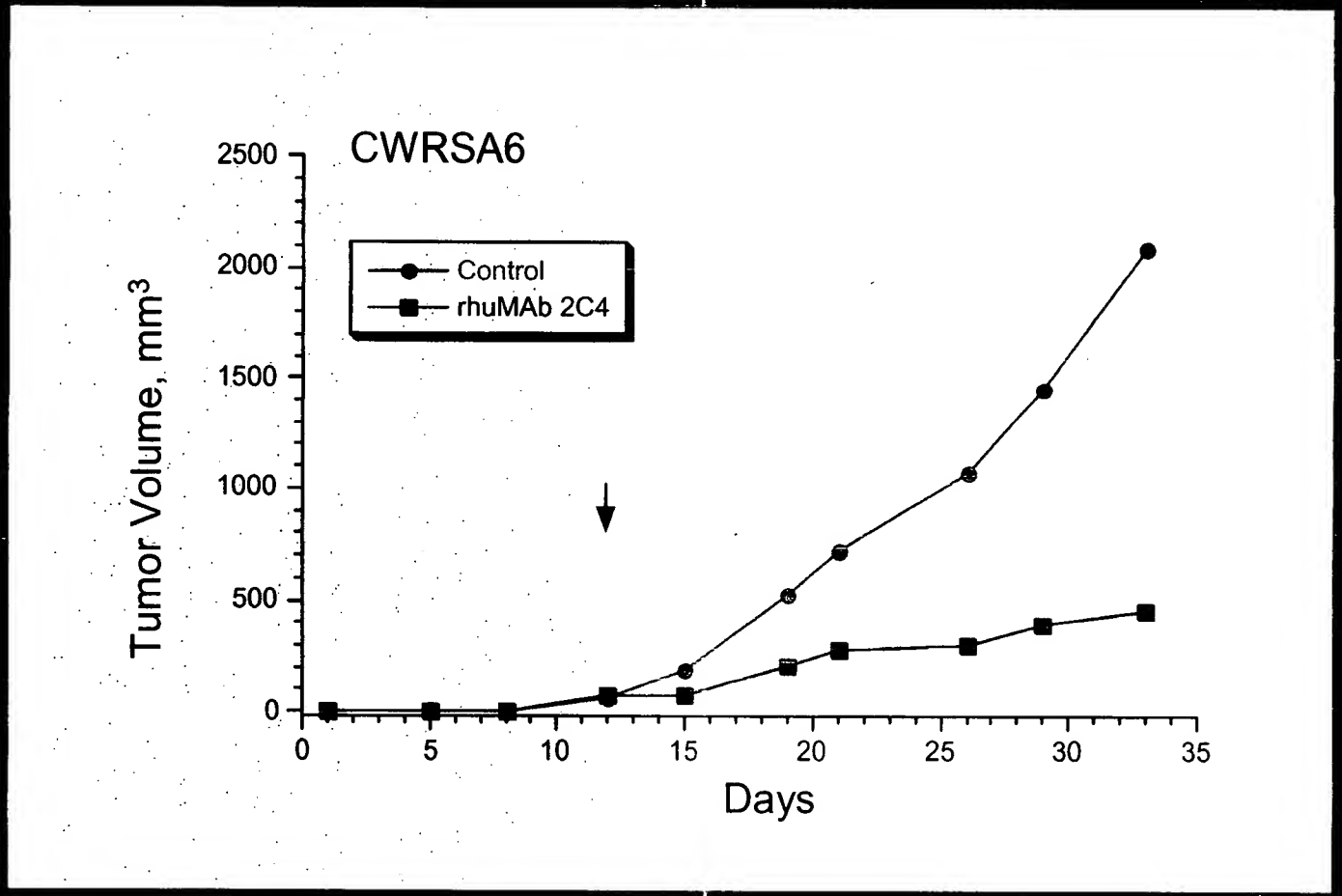
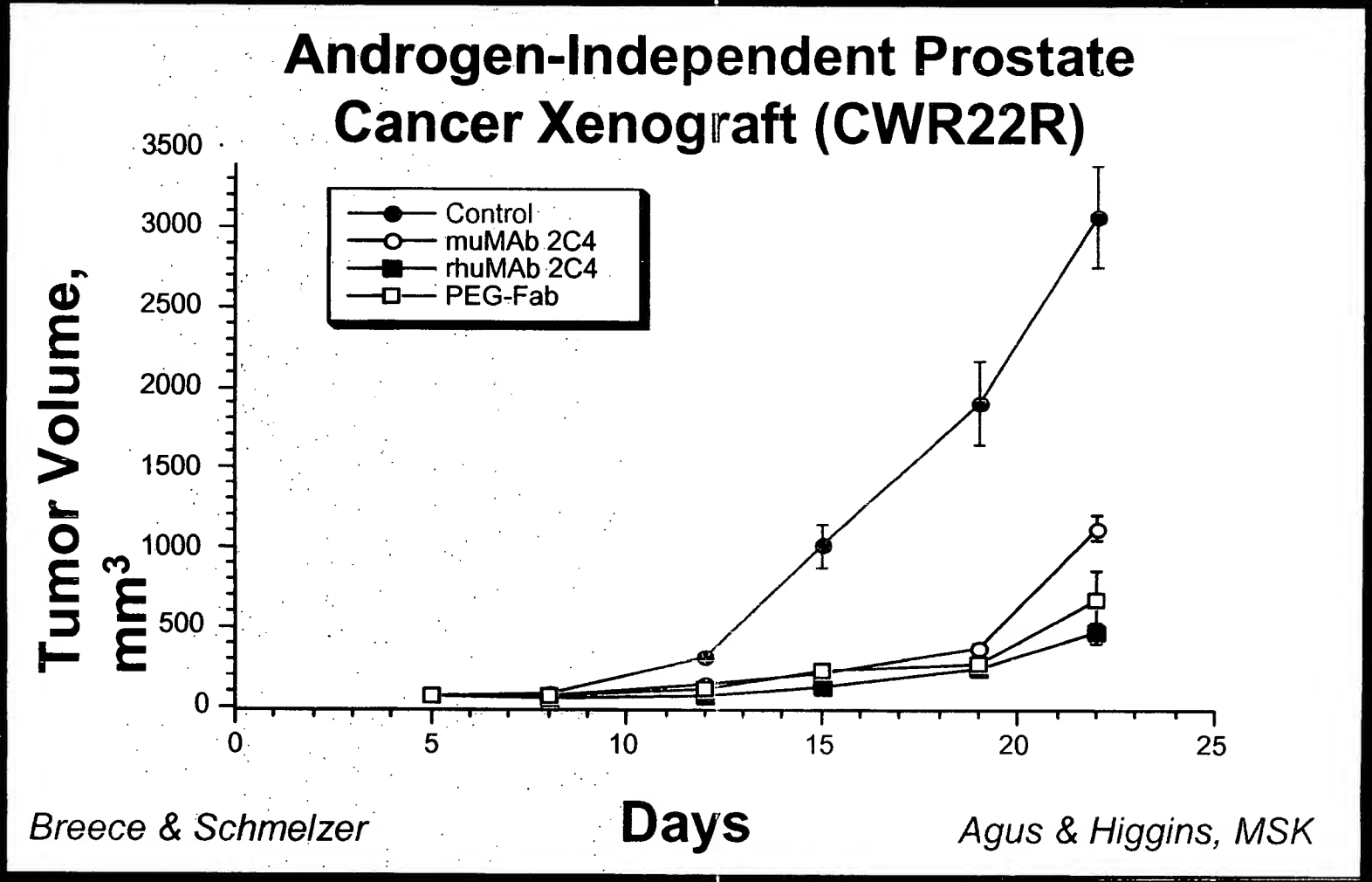
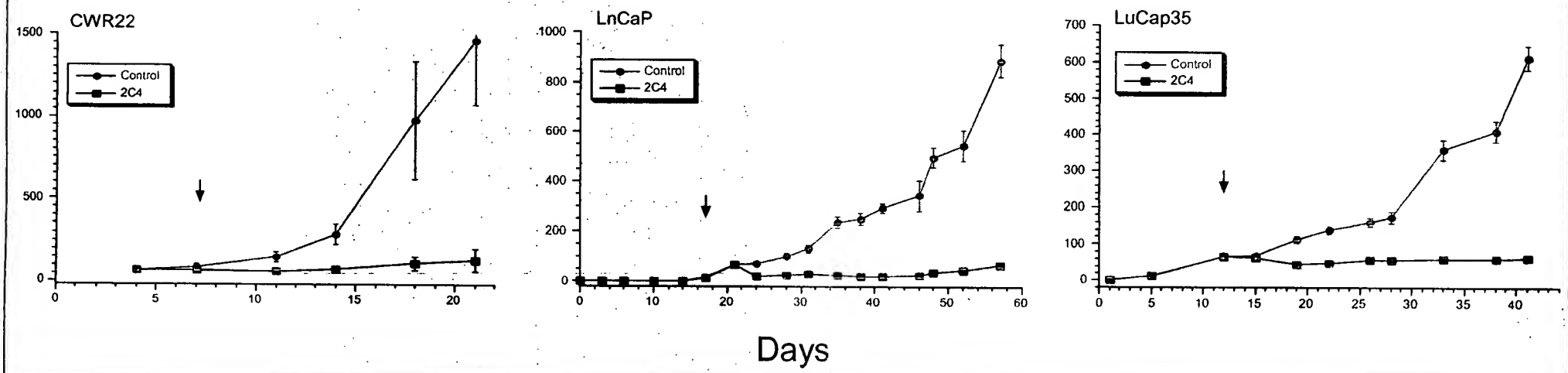
Effect of 2C4 on the Growth of the Androgen-Independent Human Prostate Cancer Xenograft CWRSA6



Proof of Concept Experiment: 2C4 Does Not Require An Intact Fc For Anti-Tumor Activity



Effect of 2C4 on the Growth of the Androgen-Dependent Human Prostate Cancer Models



Summary of prostate cancer studies

In contrast to Herceptin®, 2C4 inhibits the growth of androgen-independent prostate tumor xenografts

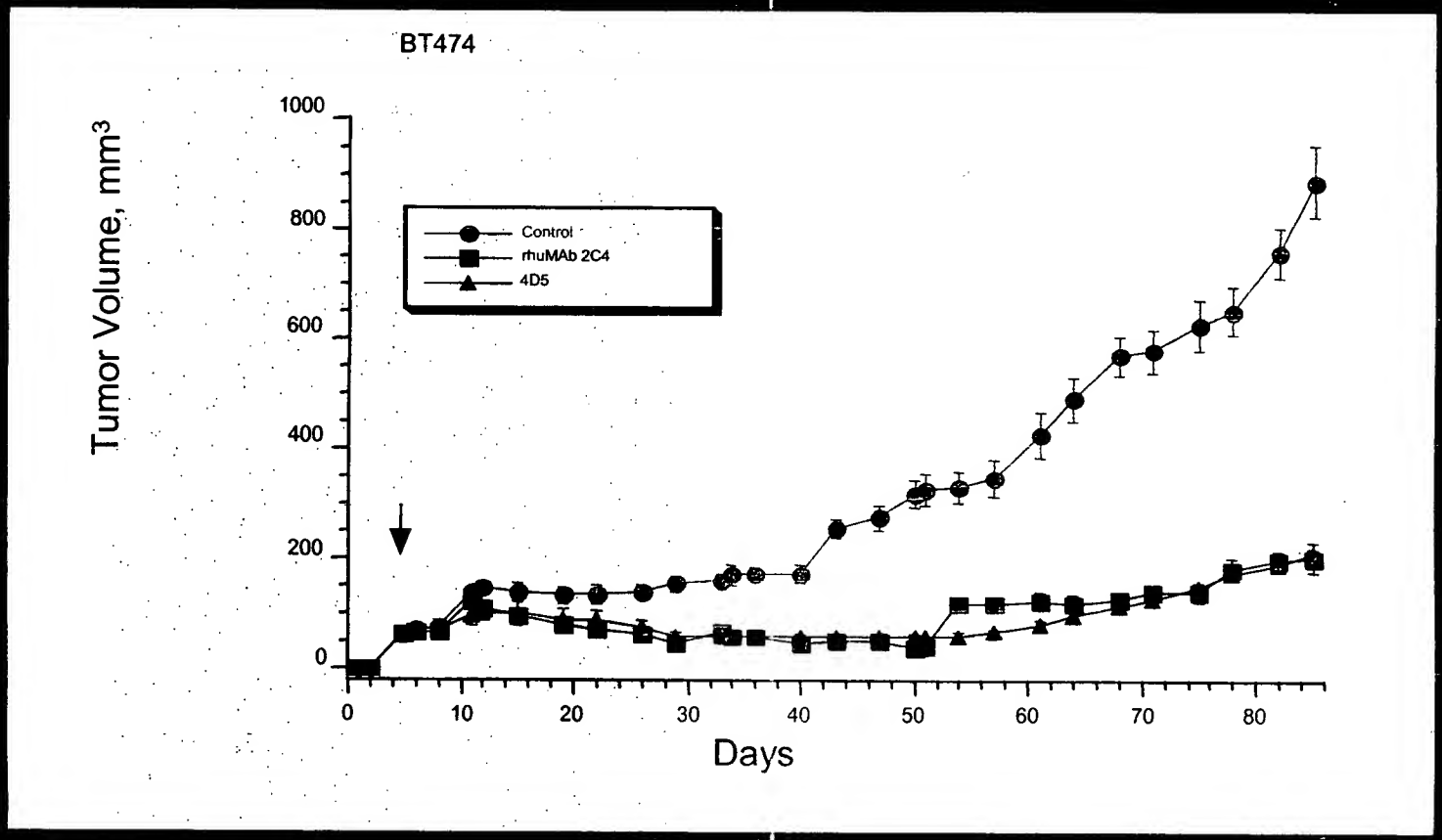
- model represents a patient population that is readily available for clinical studies

Combing 2C4 with low-dose Taxol® results in significant tumor regression and in many cases tumor elimination

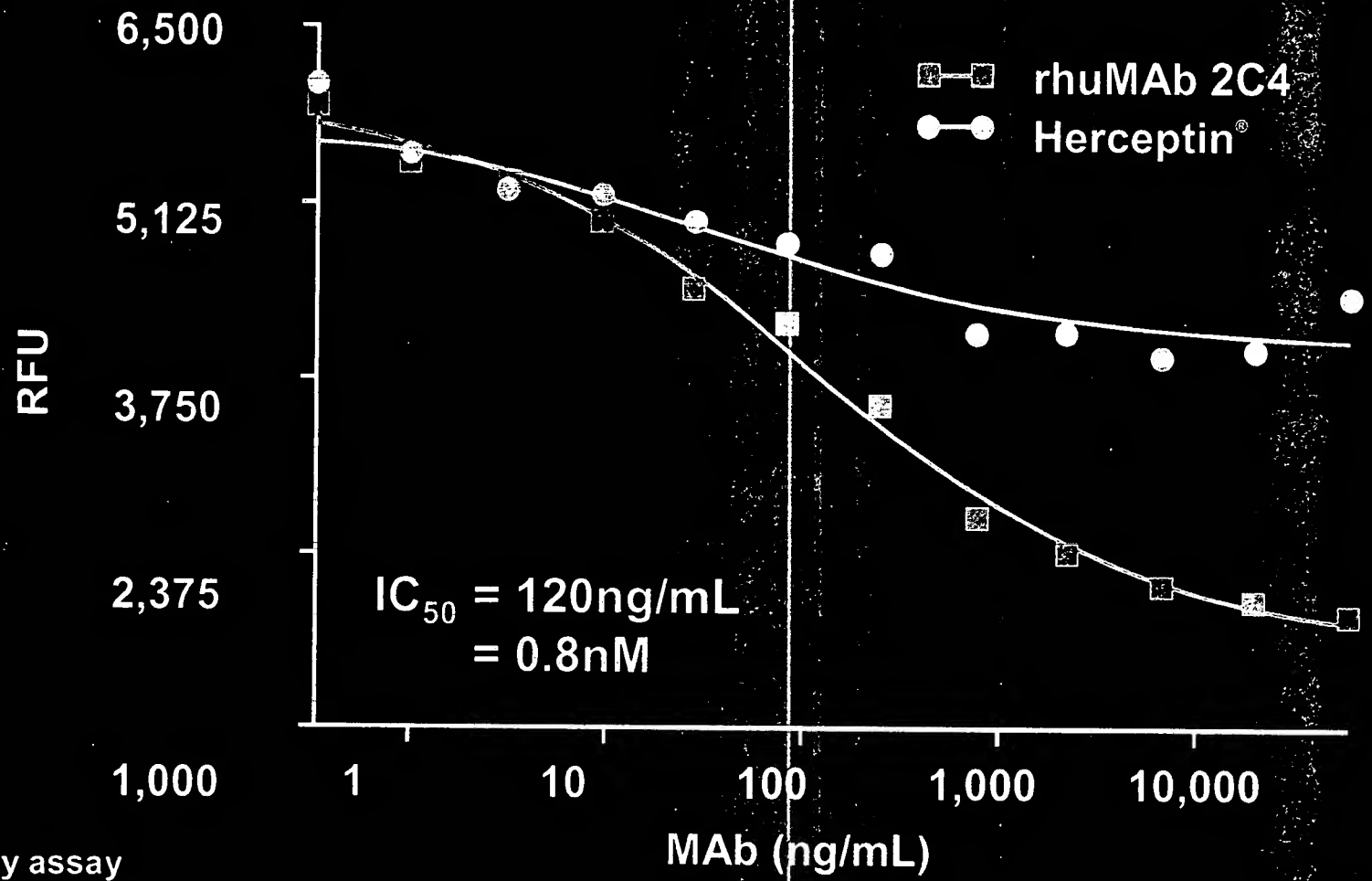
2C4 also inhibits the growth of androgen-dependent prostate tumor xenografts. These data suggest that 2C4 may be active in patients with early-stage prostate cancer

Breast Cancer Studies

2C4 Has Herceptin-Like Activity Against High HER2 Expressing Tumors



Effect of rhuMAb 2C4 or Herceptin® on the growth of human breast cancer cells (low HER2 expression)



–3 day assay
(Alamar Blue)

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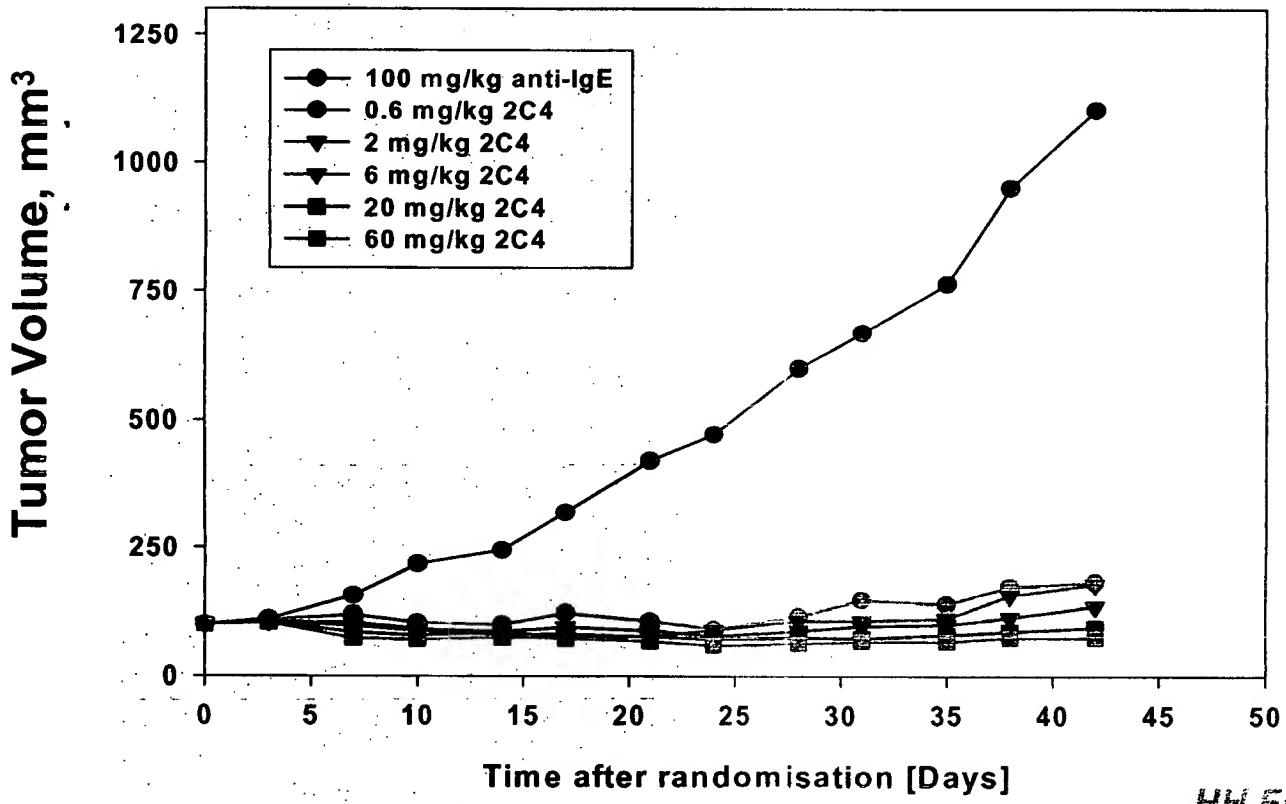
Evaluation of rhuMAb 2C4 in the breast cancer xenograft MAXF 449 (low HER2 expression)

Treatment schedule: i.p.; once/week (Day 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and 36; 2x loading dose at day 1)



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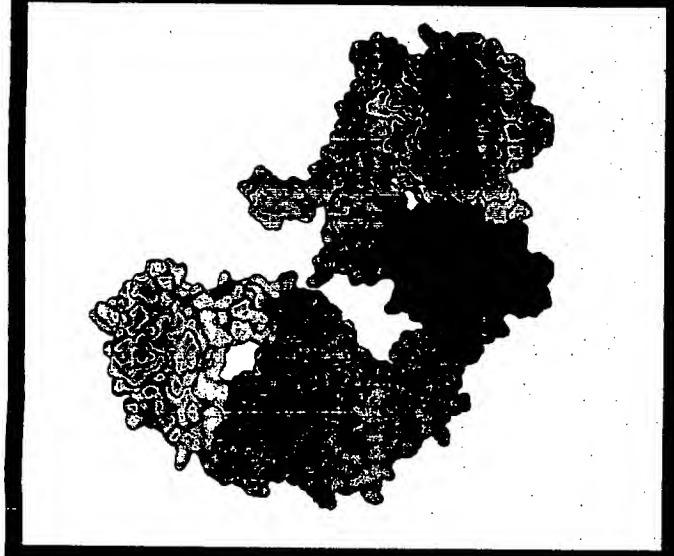
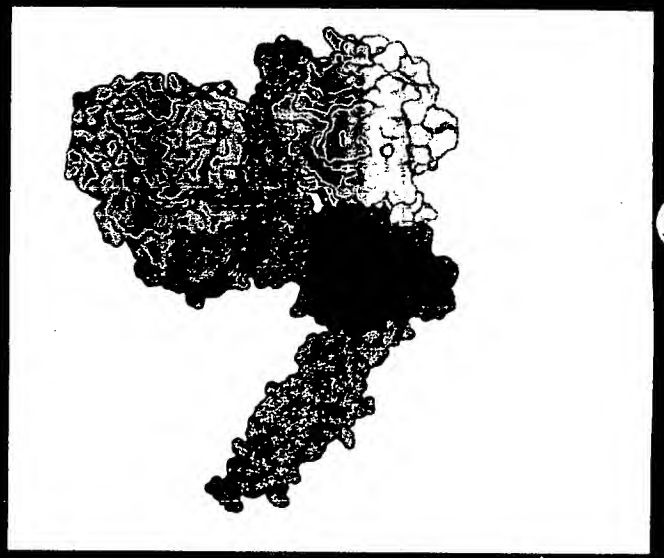
Properties of rhuMAb 2C4

Trastuzumab
Herceptin



- Binds in IV near JM.
- Protects against receptor shedding.
- Moderately affects receptor down-modulation.
- Slight effect on HER2's role as a coreceptor.

Pertuzumab
2C4



- Binds in II at dimerization interface.
- Does not prevent receptor shedding.
- Moderately affects receptor down-modulation.
- Major effect on HER2's role as a coreceptor.

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